

JIM BUTLER WEST END APEX CASE OPENS

Full Staff of Attorneys On Both Sides Present In Court

SACRAMENTO GIRL FOUND MURDERED IN GERMAN CHURCH

ALLIES ARE TAKING OFFENSIVE ALONG THE ENTIRE LINE

GERMANS REGAIN POSSESSION OF CITY OF LODZ

LAWYERS ARRANGE PRELIMINARIES AND REPORT THIS AFTERNOON

VICTIM HAD LEFT HER HOME TO MEET SOME FRIENDS AND MAKE DOLL DRESSES.

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Dec. 7.—The police are unable to break the alibi of David Fountain, janitor of the German Lutheran church, suspected of the murder of Margaret Millings, aged ten, in the church basement, Saturday. He maintains his innocence. The police quote Fountain as saying: "I might have done it, for all I know. Sometimes I have a lapse of memory."

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 7.—The most gruesome murder in the history of the city, rivaling in many respects the slaying of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams by Theodore Durant in San Francisco twenty odd years ago, was uncovered at 4:16 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when the scared, scratched, bruised and blood-stained body of pretty 10-year-old Margaret Millings, a student in the Jefferson school of this city, was found in an obscure room in the basement of the German Lutheran church, Seventeenth and L streets, by the church sexton, David Fountain.

Fountain is in jail awaiting an investigation, and that he may be given a chance to clear away the veil of suspicion that attracts the attention of the police, the parents of the dead girl and the public generally to him.

The girl died from strangulation. When found, her body sat nearly upright in a corner of the little room. A hemp rope was wound about her throat three times. Two large spots of blood on the cement floor indicated that she had fought hard and had been dragged about before submitting to the outrage that had been committed. Her clothes were torn partly from her body by the inhuman fiend, who evidently lured her to the church and then to the basement to commit an evidently premeditated crime.

The body of little Miss Millings was scarred, particularly about the arms and breasts. Her face was scratched and torn, indicating, according to the police, that an effort had been made to muffle her cries for help. Strangulation, it is believed, was resorted to, to keep her from making heard her cries.

MINING CONGRESS OPENS SESSION IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.

(By Associated Press.)
PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 7.—The coal mine strikes in Colorado and Arkansas, the public lands policy of the Wilson administration, conservation, workers' compensation laws, and plans to make the time-honored habit of "putting money down a hole in the ground" a safer investment by legal measures against illusory mining propositions were all subjects of interest before delegates to the American Mining Congress which opened its seventeenth annual session here today.

The situation of the mining industry as it affects operators, workers and investors, in all branches, will be canvassed and discussed, and before the session closes Dec. 11, the delegates will have registered their views and opinions upon such questions as whether the government should own and operate radium claims, and whether compulsory arbitration should be supplied to such situations as that which has arisen in the Colorado coal fields.

Problems of mining, taxation, water supply and methods of securing and working unpatented claims, together with changes which members of the mining congress believe are essential in the mining laws of the several states, were subjects of important committee reports today.

Officials of the government bureaus which administer the federal laws and regulations with respect to mines and mining were expected to take a prominent part in the four days' programme, as well as representatives of the coal mine operation in Colorado, and the leaders of the men whose strike and consequent warfare in the Colorado region brought about the intervention of federal troops.

Proof of labor blanks for sale at the Bonanza.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 7.—The offensive of the allies against the Germans in France and Belgium is apparently being extended to cover a large part of the battle line from the North Sea to Switzerland. Superiority of the French is shown in the regions of Armentieres, Arras, Alsace and Argonne. The Germans who forced their way across the Yser were forced out of their positions excepting in a few entrenchments.

VILLA AND ZAPATA WORKING TOGETHER

TAKE CHARGE OF ENGLISH RAILROAD AND WILL ATTACK CARRANZA.

(By Associated Press.)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 7.—Villa and Zapata have announced they will work together and each retire when his work is accomplished. Villa asserted today his forces would begin immediately a vigorous campaign against Carranza. Villa and Zapata forces will enter Mexico City tomorrow to attack Carranza. Villa took over the English corporation railway from Vera Cruz to Mexico City. He is preparing to move his troops against Carranza.

SWISS BONIFACES ALMOST BANKRUPT BY HOSTILITIES

LITTLE REPUBLIC OF EUROPE HARD HIT BY ITS WAR ENVIRONMENT.

(By Associated Press.)
ZURICH, Dec. 7.—Switzerland's lot since the war began has been a hard one. The cost of maintaining the army in a state of mobilization is estimated at fully \$400,000 a day. The loss to the hotel keepers in three months is figured at \$25,000,000. The hotel keepers probably suffer more than any other class, especially as they had lean years in 1912 and 1913 owing to bad weather. They had looked forward to 1914 as likely to make up all deficits; the weather from the beginning of the summer was excellent and the rush of tourists in June and early July was unprecedented.

The few tourists who remained after the warcloud appeared were frightened away by the panic among the Swiss bankers, which caused the refusal of all letters of credit and even foreign money.

At present many of the big hotels are closed, and the number of guests in those which remain open is almost negligible. Nor is there much likelihood of any improvement in conditions in time for the winter sports season.

As a matter of fact, living conditions in Switzerland have changed very little. There is a shortage of coal and petrol, but food prices have probably increased not much more than ten per cent.

GERMAN TAX RAISED TO MEET DEMAND

SOME IDEA OF THE COST OF THE WAR TO BRITISH TAXPAYERS.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 7.—What the new British income tax—imposed under the war budget proposals—means to the taxpayer is shown in the following table:

	Actual Tax Paid	Income Last Year	This Year	Next Year
\$ 1,250	\$ 16.75	\$ 32.50	\$ 33.75	
2,500	65.50	87.50	131.00	
5,000	187.50	250.00	325.00	
10,000	500.00	666.00	750.00	
15,000	925.00	1,250.00	1,875.00	
25,000	1,950.00	2,500.00	3,900.00	
50,000	30,800.00	41,100.00	61,650.00	

SITUATION WITH THE RUSSIANS IS DESPERATE AND LINES MENACED.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 7.—A comparison of reports from Berlin and Petrograd leads to the conclusion that Germans again occupy Lodz, from which they were driven on the first retreat from Warsaw. Berlin asserts Lodz is in German hands.

Petrograd admits the situation is desperate. If the fall of the city is a fact, communication with Warsaw is seriously menaced. Petrograd, however, asserts the Russians are strong enough to hold the invaders in northern Poland, and content themselves with this, devoting their main energies to reducing Cracow and the invasion of Hungary.

WILSON WON'T TALK OF PREPAREDNESS OF THIS COUNTRY

HE SAYS DISCUSSION MIGHT CREATE WRONG IMPRESSION IN EUROPE.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Wilson today announced he is opposed to Representative Gardner's plan for investigating the preparedness of the United States for national defense, because he believed it unwise for any handling of the "question which might create unfavorable international impressions."

Gardner called for a discussion with the president on the resolution. After the president's statement Gardner said he would continue to press his resolution for passage.

FOREIGN WARSHIP AGROUND SUCCEEDS IN ESCAPING

(By Associated Press.)
OCEAN CITY, Md., Dec. 7.—A warship, believed to be foreign, which grounded in the gale, is reported to have freed herself and put to sea. The vessel is thought to be British.

RUEF'S FATHER DIES.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—Meyer Ruef, father of Abraham Ruef, died today.

FIRST SEVERE STORM OF WINTER HITS NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The first severe storm of the winter struck New York last night, a cold northerly gale with occasional dashes of sleet, driving the homeless by hundreds into charitable refuges. The municipal lodging house for the first time this season was taxed to capacity, the superintendent reporting that it was housing nearly 1,000 persons.

MRS. MANION BREAKS ARM WHILE DOING HOUSEWORK

Mrs. John Manion is suffering from a badly fractured arm sustained yesterday morning while she was doing her housework. She was carrying an armful of cushions into the parlor when she stumbled against a newly acquired footstool which stood in the way. Before she could recover herself she was thrown against the sharp corner of aavenport. The right arm was fractured between the elbow and shoulder.

BOY COMES TO WALSH HOME.

John Walsh, employed at the Campbell & Kelly foundry, was the recipient yesterday of an advance Christmas gift when the stork brought to his home a fine eight-pound boy. Dr. Cunningham reports mother and child progressing. The father will recover.

The case of Jim Butler Tonopah Mining company vs. West End Consolidated Mining company was called this morning in the district court. The full staff of attorneys on both sides of the case were present; for the Jim Butler company, Judge Curtis Lindley, William E. Colby, Hugh H. Brown and J. H. Evans; and for the West End company, Judge W. H. Dickinson, J. F. Peck, S. S. Downer, A. C. Ellis, Horatio Ailing and H. H. Atkinson.

By consent of counsel the beginning of the trial was continued until Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, in order to enable the attorneys to arrange certain preliminaries and to agree upon the order of the trial and the order of proof.

BILLION DOLLAR CONGRESS RESUMES AFTER SHORT RECESS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Congress resumed work today after a six weeks' rest, on what promises to be a billion dollar session. With crowded calendars confronting both houses, senators and representatives settled down to passing big appropriation bills, and the administration programme which the president will outline in his annual address tomorrow in the hope that the special session will not be necessary after March 4th. House Chaplain Rev. Couden prayed "that we may be at peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Senate Chaplain Prettyman prayed: "Almighty God, we pray our message to all may be of peace, our influence in all the world of universal brotherhood."

CITIES ON OUTSIDE SUFFERING FROM A SEVERE STORM

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A roaring northeaster swept the Atlantic coast at sixty miles an hour from North Carolina to Maine. The ocean battered down the seawalls at Seabright, N. J., and the town is in danger tonight of high tide. Streets are flooded and communication severed, with breakers rolling through the chief thoroughfare and undermining the foundations of buildings. There was much damage to shipping. High water mark was set at Hudson and the Lackawanna terminal flooded. Ferries are discontinued. On the New England coast the gale was especially violent.

\$250,000,000 FOR ARMY AND NAVY OF UNITED STATES

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The nation's military and naval expenses for the fiscal year, not including certain fixed expenses, would amount to \$250,421,357, compared with \$251,284,167 for the current year, under the plans the administration has embodied in estimates submitted to congress. The naval programme includes two battleships, six torpedo boat destroyers and "eight or more submarines." Submarine mines, too, are needed. More than \$53,000,000 is estimated for improvements and maintenance of waterways and harbors. The great waterways require the larger part of the money. Included in this is Humboldt harbor and is \$375,000.

KILLS MAN IN COURT WHILE TRIAL GOING ON

(By Associated Press.)
CASHMERE, Wash., Dec. 7.—Harry Carr, on trial on the charge of assaulting a girl, shot and killed C. D. Franklin in the courtroom, the bullet also killing another man.

RESTRICTED TRADING TO BEGIN SATURDAY

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The stock exchange is to permit restricted trading in stocks designated by a committee, beginning Saturday.

OUR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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BACK TO PRIVATE LIFE.

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In the house, Representatives Underwood, of Alabama; Hardwick, of Georgia; and Broussard, of Louisiana, are serving their last terms before their elevation to the senate of the next congress.

Among prominent house Democrats retiring are: A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, a member of the ways and means committee; Stanley E. Bowdler, of Ohio, who will return the seat he took from former Representative Nicholas Longworth; Robert J. Bulkeley, of Ohio; John R. Clancy, of New York; Robert E. Diferderfer, of Pennsylvania; Jeremiah Donovan, of Connecticut; Richard Pearson Hobson, of Alabama; Henry M. Goldfogel, of New York; Charles A. Borah, of Indiana; Robert E. Lee, of Pennsylv-

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For the Army and Navy.

Leaders on all sides look forward to interesting developments over the naval and army appropriation bills because of agitation resulting from the European war. Representative Augustus P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, has a resolution directing congressional investigation into the military preparedness of the United States for war.

GENERAL WATERWAY BILL TO ESTABLISH A NATION-WIDE SYSTEM OF BROAD SCOPE, SUCH AS HAS BEEN INDORSED BY A COMMITTEE OF THE CABINET, WILL PROBABLY BE URGED.

Many other important subjects are pending. Included in the list is the rural credits bill prepared at the last session. There have been intimations that the measure might not be pressed at the short session, the view being that the federal reserve system should be given a chance to perfect itself before any other financial legislation should be undertaken. The immigration bill, which failed at the last session with its literary test, is pending in the senate. Representative Hobson has begun to urge action on a resolution for a national prohibition constitutional amendment and a constitutional amendment to provide for woman suffrage. Both are pending in the house. Good roads legislation, reorganization of the civil service and a bill to regulate the output of radium also await action.

UNDER CONSIDERATION EVER SINCE THE OLD BILL WAS ALIBUTTERED TO DEATH IN THE LAST SESSION AND A BLANKET APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000,000 WAS SUBSTITUTED TO CARRY ON PUBLIC WORKS ALREADY UNDER WAY. IN THE MAIN, HOWEVER, IT IS BELIEVED THAT CHIEF ATTENTION WILL HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO THE USUAL SUPPLY BILLS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THEM BEFORE THIS CONGRESS ENDS BY OPERATION OF LAW ON MARCH 4 NEXT.

AMONG PROMINENT HOUSE DEMOCRATS RETIRING ARE: A. MITCHELL PALMER, OF PENNSYLVANIA, A MEMBER OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE; STANLEY E. BOWDLER, OF OHIO, WHO WILL RETURN THE SEAT HE TOOK FROM FORMER REPRESENTATIVE NICHOLAS LONGWORTH; ROBERT J. BULKLEY, OF OHIO; JOHN R. CLANCY, OF NEW YORK; ROBERT E. DIFERDERFER, OF PENNSYLVANIA; JEREMIAH DONOVAN, OF CONNECTICUT; RICHARD PEARSON HOBSON, OF ALABAMA; HENRY M. GOLDFOGEL, OF NEW YORK; CHARLES A. BORAH, OF INDIANA; ROBERT E. LEE, OF PENNSYLVANIA; GEORGE A. NEELEY, OF KANSAS; FRANK T. O'HAIR, OF ILLINOIS, WHO WILL YIELD BACK THE SEAT HE TOOK FROM FORMER SPEAKER JOSEPH G. CANNON; JOHN J. MITCHELL, OF MASSACHUSETTS, A MEMBER OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE; EDWARD W. TOWNSEND, OF NEW JERSEY, AND MANY OTHERS. OF THE PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATION IN THE HOUSE MEMBERS WHO WILL BE RETIRED INCLUDE THE PARTY LEADER, VICTOR MURDOCK, OF KANSAS; M. CLYDE KELLY, W. J. HURLING AND HENRY W. TEMPLE, ALL OF PENNSYLVANIA; JAMES C. MCLAUGHLIN, OF MICHIGAN, AND WILLIAM H. HINEBAUGH, OF ILLINOIS.

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THE FIRST CALENDAR BUSINESS BEFORE THE HOUSE TODAY WAS THE COTTON RELIEF LEGISLATION URGED BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY, OF TEXAS, AND OTHERS, WHO ALMOST PREVENTED ADJOURNMENT OF THE LAST SESSION BY INSISTING ON IT. THE GENERAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES WAS THAT PRESIDENT WILSON WOULD PRESS THE BILL FOR GOVERNMENT PURCHASE OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS; THE MEASURE TO PAVE THE WAY FOR ULTIMATE INDEPENDENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND THE MEASURES PROPOSING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF DEALING WITH WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

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